

following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 457. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to update references in the classification of children for purposes of United States immigration laws;

S. 790. An act to provide for the modification or elimination of Federal reporting requirements; and

S. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution directing that the "Portrait Monument" carved in the likeness of Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, now in the Crypt of the Capitol, be restored to its original state and be placed in the Capitol Rotunda.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 10 Members on each side for 1-minute speeches.

MEDICARE

(Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of hot air from the liberal Democrats about Medicare. But when they talk about Medicare what they really mean is medi-scare. They don't really want to save Medicare from bankruptcy. All they want to do is scare people into voting for their party. For Democrats it is perfectly acceptable to let Medicare go bankrupt—just as long as they have a political issue it doesn't matter what the truth is.

And the truth is that Medicare will be broke in 7 years if we don't take serious action right now. Republicans have not walked away from this issue.

Unfortunately for the American people, liberal Democrats have used Medicare for their twisted scare tactics. You see, liberals can not win elections with the force of their superior ideas. The only strategy that works for liberals is fear and disinformation.

But the American people are smarter than liberals would believe. They will not buy the scare tactics and they will not allow Medicare to go bankrupt. Mr. Speaker, later this month Medicare will turn 30 years old. The Medicare Trustees Board reports that unless something is done quickly, Medicare will not survive another 7 years. Republicans have responded to this warning. We are committed to protecting and preserving Medicare so that it can observe many more anniversaries.

It would be wrong to just ignore the warnings of those in charge of Medicare. But, that is exactly what the Democrats are doing. They ignore the advice of leaders in their own party.

Three of Bill Clinton's cabinet secretaries are on the Medicare Trustees Board, and yet the liberal Democrats here in the House act as if they do not exist. By their silence, liberal Democrats are admitting they would rather see Medicare go bankrupt.

The difference here, Mr. Speaker, is that Republicans want to save Medi-

care, Democrats do not want to do anything.

REPUBLICAN ABUSE OF POWER

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to point out another outrage among the many insults that the Republicans continue to inflict upon this Congress and this country. Since they gained a majority in Congress, the onslaught of injustice has been tremendous.

They have stacked the top committees with the Johnny-come-lately party switchers. They have disenfranchised several Democrats, blocking us from voting, both in committee meetings and on this very House floor.

Legislatively, their crimes against the public have been horrendous. They do not even blush as they cut Medicare, Medicaid, student loans and other educational programs to fund tax cuts for their rich supporters.

The Republicans are drunk with their new found power, and their abuse of this power is rampant and excessive. But America is watching.

TOBACCO FARMERS

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, today and tomorrow thousands of farmers are making their way across my State for the opening of the annual North Carolina tobacco markets; 85,000 North Carolinians grow or manufacture tobacco. Another 154,000 depend on tobacco related spending. It pumps more than \$1 billion per year into our economy.

Mr. Speaker, if you have been on a tobacco farm you know it is the most grueling and back-breaking work in agriculture. Most tobacco farmers struggle to survive. Unfortunately, this year they have been hit by twin disasters; bad weather and President Clinton. Too much rain weakened the crop. Too much Clinton and Kessler threaten the industry's survival. Mr. Speaker, the President has let the FDA wage war on thousands of North Carolinians. He talks about jobs, but his politically correct posturing has put over 200,000 jobs on the line in my State. The FDA's charge that the tobacco family is out to addict children is ludicrous on its face.

Mr. Speaker, as tobacco farmers go to market, I want to assure them that the radical left wing of the other party will not get away with its selective persecution of their historic and legal American industry. To the farmers in eastern North Carolina keep up the good work, help is on the way.

TRADE POLICY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, 20 years ago Gold Star South Korea built radios for Zenith. Then Zenith started to build picture tubes for Gold Star. Yesterday Gold Star South Korea bought out Zenith.

Ladies and gentlemen, Philo T. Fransworth of Utah, father of American television, is rolling over in his grave. This country, the great America, invented television, telephones, typewriters. We do not build one anymore. But do not worry, American workers, you are going to get the high-technology jobs.

Tell me what is more high-technology than a sophisticated electronic device. Beam me up, ladies and gentlemen. Forty-eight billion dollar record quarter trade deficit; \$11.5 billion trade deficit for May. Truth is, Democrats are out because they had no trade program. Republicans have no trade program. White House has no trade program.

America is losing our jobs and people are talking about the Mideast. We better start talking about the Midwest.

ANOTHER PROMISE KEPT

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, last year Republicans stood before the American people and made a promise that if we took the majority, we would conduct an audit of the operations of the House of Representatives. Today the findings of this audit are presented.

The audit had to be conducted. For years the American people were inundated by countless stories of misuse and abuse of congressional privilege. The light of truth and accountability had to be shown on the institution that is responsible for spending the American tax dollars.

I would just point out that this would never have happened had the other party remained in the majority. It would never have occurred to the other party to put themselves on the same level of accountability that they hold every other financial institution and every business in America under.

Mr. Speaker, today is a good day on the Potomac and a good day for the institution of Congress. By keeping promises and holding ourselves accountable, we have taken steps toward restoring trust with the American people.

HEAD START

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)